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Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING	1/1/03	AND ENDING	12/31/03
	MM/DD/YY		MM/DD/YY
Α.	REGISTRANT II	DENTIFICATION	
NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:			OFFICIAL USE ONLY
ABN AMRO Rothschild LLC			
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· (City)	(State)	<del></del>	(Zip Code)
Michael Horsburgh  B. A	CCOUNTANT II		212-409-6690 rea Code – Telephone No.)
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT wi	nose opinion is cont	ained in this Report*	
233 South Wacker Drive	(Name - of individual, state last, i	first, middle name)	60606
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(Address)	(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)
CHECK ONE:  ■ Certified Public Accountant  □ Public Accountant			PROCESSED
☐ Accountant not resident in Unite	ed States or any of it	s possessions.	APR 07 2004
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\*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2).

#### OATH OR AFFIRMATION

We affirm that, to the best of our knowledge and belief the accompanying consolidated financial statements and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of ABN AMRO incorporated (the Company) as of December 31, 2003, are true and correct. We further affirm that neither the Company, nor any proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer. The financial statements and supplemental information of the Company are made available to all of the Company's members and allied members of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc.

Michael Horsburgh Managing Director

Gennady G. Ratin

Notary Public, State of New York

No. 01RA6070632 Qualified in Kings County

Commission Expires March 4, 200

Notary Public

This report\*\* contains (check all applicable boxes):

- (a) Facing page.
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- (c) Statement of Operations.
- (d) Statement of Changes in Cash Flows.
- (e) Statement of Changes in Members' Equity.
- ☐ (f) Statement of Changes in Subordinated Borrowings.
- (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- ☐ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- Information Relating to the Possession or control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A or Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- (I) An Oath or Affirmation.
- (m) Supplemental Report of Independent Auditors on Internal Control.
- □ (n) Schedule of Segregation Requirements and Funds in Segregation for Customers Trading on U.S. Commodity Exchanges.
- ☐ (o) Statement of Secured Amount and Funds Held in Separate Accounts for Foreign Futures and Options Customers Pursuant to Commission Regulation 30.7.

### Report of Independent Auditors

The Management Committee and Members ABN AMRO Rothschild LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of ABN AMRO Rothschild LLC (the Company) as of December 31, 2003, and the related statements of operations, changes in members' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of ABN AMRO Rothschild LLC at December 31, 2003, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Einst & Young LLP

Chicago, Illinois February 19, 2004

### **Statement of Financial Condition**

	December 31
•	2003
Assets	
Cash	\$150,300
Total Assets	\$150,300
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Members' Equity	
ABN AMRO Incorporated	\$ 75,150
Rothschild Inc.	75,150
Total Members' Equity	\$150,300
See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.	

### **Statement of Operations**

Year End	ed Decembe	December 31		
	200	3		
Revenues	\$	-		
Expenses		<u> </u>		
Net Income	<u> </u>	•		

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

### Statement of Changes in Members' Equity

_	Year Ended December 31, 2003				
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	ABN AMRO				
	Incorporated	Rothschild inc.	Total		
Members' Equity at January 1, 2003	\$75,150	\$75,150	\$150,300		
Net Income	•	-	-		
Members' Equity at December 31, 2003	\$75,150	\$75,150	\$150,300		

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

### **Statement of Cash Flows**

Year Ended	Decembe	er 31
		3
Operating Activities		
Net Income	\$	•
Financing Activities		
Member Contributions		<u> </u>
Increase in Cash		
Cash at January 1, 2003	150	,300
Cash at December 31, 2003	\$150	,300

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### 1. Organization and Nature of Operations

ABN AMRO Rothschild LLC (the Company or AAR) is a limited liability corporation organized under Delaware law. The Company is owned equally by ABN AMRO Incorporated (AAI) and Rothschild Inc. (RINC), collectively the Members. The Company is registered as a broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

The Company engages in equity securities underwriting, private placements of securities, and block purchases and sales of securities in the secondary market. The Company executes ECM related contracts (AAR Purchase Commitments). Underlying each AAR Purchase Commitment is a Securities Purchase Agreement, whereby the Members accept joint and several liability for the AAR Purchase Commitments. The Securities Purchase Agreements obligate the Members to perform as required in the related AAR Purchase Commitments. These obligations include the following: to purchase the securities being underwritten, effect the public distribution of the purchased securities, confirm and settle securities transactions, and conduct secondary trading activities. Upon closing the transaction, the Members will pay for and receive the purchased securities. The Members share the principal's risk of any unsold or unallocated purchased securities.

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Use of Estimates: Preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Revenue Recognition: Consistent with the terms of the Securities Purchase Agreements, the Company recognizes no revenue. Under the original revenue sharing provisions, amended as of April 1, 2001, AAI and RINC shared net revenues of 75% and 25%, respectively. As of February 20, 2002, the net revenue sharing provision was amended whereby AAI and RINC share net revenues of 80% and 20%, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2003, AAI and RINC recognized net revenues of \$9.1 million and \$2.9 million, respectively.

Operating Expenses: The Members provide all services at no cost to the Company. Those services include: facilities, telecommunications, accounting, tax, record retention, personnel (compensation and related costs), and administrative services. Each Member bears its own costs in connection with the services provided by the Company and incurs expenses based on its responsibilities under the Securities Purchase Agreements.

**Income Taxes:** As a Limited Liability Company, taxable income or loss of the Company, if any, is includable in the federal income tax returns of the Members.

Cash: Cash represents cash deposited in banks.

#### 3. Related Party Transactions

All transactions executed by the Company are AAR Purchase Commitments. All AAR Purchase Commitments have an underlying Securities Purchase Agreement, effectively transferring all rights and obligations of the AAR Purchase Commitment jointly, and severally, to the Members.

For the year ended December 31, 2003, the Company entered into Securities Purchase Agreements of \$538.4 million with the Members.

### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### 4. Regulatory Requirements

The Company is subject to the net capital requirements of Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is required to maintain minimum net capital of \$100,000. At December 31, 2003, the Company maintained regulatory capital of \$150,300, which was \$50,300 in excess of its required net capital.

### 5. Legal Proceedings

There are no legal proceedings, which, in the opinion of management and counsel, would have a material impact on the financial statements.

Supplemental Information

BROKER OR DEALER ABN AMRO Rothschild LLC

As of <u>12/31/03</u>

### **COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL**

4	Total augustable aquity from Statement of Financial Condition - Item 1900	•	450 200	0400
1.	Total ownership equity from Statement of Financial Condition – Item 1800	\$	150,300	3480
2.	Deduct: Ownership equity not allowable for Net Capital		····	3490
3.	Total ownership equity qualified for Net Capital		•	3500
4.	Add:			0500
	A. Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors allowable in computation of net capital		<u> </u>	3520
_	B. Other (deductions) or allowable credits (List)			3525
5.	Total capital and allowable subordinated liabilities	\$	150,300	3530
6.	Deductions an/or charges:			
	A. Total nonallowable assets from			
	Statement of Financial Condition			
	Additional charges for customers' and			
	non-customers' security accounts			
	Additional charges for customers' and			
	non-customers' commodity accounts 3560			
	B. Aged fail-to-deliver			
	1. Number of items 3450			
	C. Aged short security differences-less			
	Reserve of \$ 3470 - 3580			
	Number of items			
	D. Secured demand note deficiency 3590			
	E. Commodity futures contracts and spot commodities			
	- proprietary capital charges 3600			
	F. Other deductions and/or charges			
	G. Deductions for accounts carried under			
	Rule 15c3-1(a)(6), (a)(7) and (c)(2)(x) 3615			
	H. Total deductions and/or charges			3620
7.	Other additions and/or allowable credits (List)		<u>-</u>	3630
8.	Net capital before haircuts on securities positions	\$	150,300	3640
9.	Haircuts on securities: (computed, where applicable, pursuant to 15c3-1(f)):			
	A. Contractual securities commitments			
	B. Subordinated securities borrowings 3670			
	C. Trading and investment securities:			
	Bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit and commercial paper     3680			
	U.S. and Canadian government obligations			
	State and municipal government obligations			
	4. Corporate obligations 3710			
	5. Stocks and warrants 3720			
	6. Options			
	7. Arbitrage			
	8. Other securities			
	D. Undue Concentration 3650			
	E. Other (List)			3736
10.	Net Capital	\$	150,300	3750

BROKER OR DEALER ABN AMRO Rothschild LLC as of 12/31/03

### COMPUTATION OF ALTERNATE NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

#### Part B

22.	2% of combined aggregate debit items as shown in Formula for Reserve Requirements pursuant to			
	Rule 15c3-3 prepared as of the date of the capital computation including both brokers or dealers			
	And consolidated subsidiaries' debits or 4% of segregated funds, whichever is greater	\$_	N/A	3870
23.	Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer and minimum net capital			
	Requirement of subsidiaries.	\$_	100,000	3880
24.	Net capital requirement (greater of line 22 or 23)	\$_	100,000	3760
25.	Excess net capital (line 10 less 24)	\$_	50.300	3910_
26.	Percentage of Net Capital to Aggregate Debits (line 10 ÷ by line 17 page 8)	%_	N/A	3851

There are no material differences between the above computation and the Company's corresponding December 31, 2001 unaudited FOCUS Part II Report.

**BROKER OR DEALER** 

ABN AMRO Rothschild LLC

As of 12/31/03

# COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS FOR BROKER-DEALERS UNDER RULE 15c-3-3 (See Rule 15c3-3, Exhibit A and Related Notes)

CRE	(See Hule 1503-3, Exhibit A and DIT BALANCES	i Helate	ea Notes)			
1.						
	Accounts	s	See Note	4340	}	
2.	Monies borrowed collateralized by securities carried for the accounts of				<u>.</u>	
	Customers			4350		
3.	Monies payable against customers securities loaned			4360		
4.	Customers securities failed to receive			4370		
5.	Credit balances in firm accounts which are attributable to principal sales			1 40.0	l	
٥.	to customers.			4380		
6.	Market value of stock dividends, stock splits and similar distributions			,,,,,,		
0.	Receivable outstanding over 30 calendar days			4390		
7.	**Market value of short security count differences over 30 calendar days old			4400		
8.	**Market value of short securities and credits (not to be offset by longs or by			14400		
٥.	Debits) in all suspense accounts over 30 calendar days			4410		
9.	Market value of securities which are in transfer in excess of 40 calendar days			1 4410	j	
J.	And have not been confirmed to be in transfer by the transfer agent or the					
	Issuer during the 40 days			4420	[	
10.	Other (List)			4425		
11.	TOTAL CREDITS				<b>S</b>	4430
		•••••				
	T BALANCES  Debit balances in customer's cash and margin accounts excluding					
12.	Unsecured accounts and accounts doubtful of collection net of deductions					
	Pursuant to Note Exhibit A, Rule 15c3-3	œ		4440	1	
13.	Securities borrowed to effectuate short sales by customers and securities	<b>4</b> ——		1 4440		
13.	Borrowed to make delivery on customers' securities failed to deliver			4450		
14.	Failed to deliver of customers' securities not older than 30 calendar days			4460		
15.	Margin required and on deposit with Options Clearing Corporation for all			4400		
15.	Option contracts written or purchased in customer accounts			4465		
16.	Other (List)			4469		
17.	Aggregate debit items.				\$ 	4470
17.	Less 3% (for alternative method only–see Rule 15c3-1(f) (5) (i))					4471
19.	TOTAL 15C3-3 DEBITS					4472
				••••••	<b>*</b>	1 77/2
	ERVE COMPUTATION				•	1400
20.	Excess of total debits over total credits (line 19 less line 11)					
21.	Excess of total credits over total debits (line 11 less line 19)					4490
22.	If computation permitted on a monthly basis, enter 105%, of excess of total cred					4500
23.	Amount held on deposit in "Reserve Bank Account(s)," including value of qualifi					1510
	Reporting period			••••••		4510
24.	Amount of deposit (or withdrawal) including					<u> </u>
	\$   4515 value of qualified securities					4520
25.	New amount in Reserve Bank Account(s), including value after adding deposit of					
20	\$ 4525 value of qualified securities				<b>\$</b>	4530
26.	Date of deposit (MM/DD/YY)				<u></u>	4540
	QUENCY OF COMPUTATION  Daily 4332 Weekly 4520	Monthly		<b>√</b> Γ	1224	
27.	Daily 4332 Weekly 4520	wontniy		X	4334	

Note: Although the Company is not exempt from Rule 15c3-3, it does not transact a business in securities with or for any customers and does not carry margin accounts, credit balances, or securities for any person defined as a "customer" pursuant to Rule 17a-5(c)(4). Accordingly, there are no amounts reportable under these sections.

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# COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS FOR BROKER-DEALERS UNDER RULE 15c 3-3 (continued)

### Information for Possession Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3

4 Outstand (full) and a constitution and assess margin population and in the appendicular managing or population		
<ol> <li>Customers' fully paid securities and excess margin securities not in the respondent's possession or control as</li> </ol>		
of the report date (for which instructions to reduce to possession or control had been issued as of the report		
date) but for which the required action was not taken by respondent within the time frame specified under		
Rule 15c3-3 \$	See Note	4586
A. Number of items		4587
<ol> <li>Customers' fully paid securities and excess margin securities for which instructions to reduce to possession or control had not been issued as of the report date, excluding items arising from "temporary lags which result</li> </ol>		
From normal business operations" as permitted under Rule 15c3-3.		4588
A. Number of items		4589
<ol> <li>The system and procedures utilized in complying with the requirements to maintain physical possession or control of customers' fully paid and excess margin securities have been tested and are functioning</li> </ol>		
in a manner adequate to fulfill the requirements of Rule 15c3-3		4585

Note: Although the Company is not exempt from Rule 15c3-3, it does not transact a business in securities with or for any customers and does not carry margin accounts, credit balances, or securities for any person defined as a "customer" pursuant to Rule 17a-5(c)(4). Accordingly, there are no amounts reportable under these sections.

# Supplementary Report of Independent Auditors on Internal Control Required by Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) Rule 17a-5

The Management Committee and Members ABN AMRO Rothschild LLC

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of ABN AMRO Rothschild LLC (the Company) for the year ended December 31, 2003, we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company, including tests of compliance with such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the criteria stated in Rule 17a-5(g), in the following:

- 1. Making the periodic computations of aggregate debits and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and the reserve required by Rule 15c3-3(e)
- 2. Making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13
- 3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
- 4. Obtaining and maintaining physical possession or control of all fully paid and excess margin securities of customers as required by Rule 15c3-3

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned criteria. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional criteria of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in any internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of internal control to future periods is subject to the risk that internal control may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of its design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that meet the criteria referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations and that practices and procedures that do not meet such criteria in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2003, to meet the SEC's criteria.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Ernst & Young LLP

Chicago, Illinois February 19, 2004